



# Call for Workshop Proposals

## 2014 Community Connections Conference

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We invite you to present your best at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Community Connections Conference**! The conference is designed to showcase and build successful community collaborations between neighborhoods, cultural communities, residents, and the city. A major theme of the conference is to build diversity and capacity of our neighborhood organizations and community by providing new and innovative ideas through collaboration and participation. Don't miss this opportunity to share your experiences and network with other neighborhood-minded activists from throughout our City.

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### Conference Themes:

- *TBD*
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### Conference Participants will:

- Gain practical skills and tools for community engagement
  - Explore unique challenges, possibilities and practical application of community engagement
  - Strengthen neighborhood and community connections to provide greater collaboration
  - Learn ways to better reach out to under-represented groups in their neighborhood and throughout the City
  - Develop and collect best practices for better engagement and collaboration with City departments
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These goals and themes reflect the central purpose of the Conference to strengthen, diversify and connect residents to City resources. We invite proposals that address one or more of the Conference themes and shall challenge participants to take action in their organizations, institutions and communities through skills and tools shared.

Workshops will be offered in break-out sessions of 60 or 90 minutes.

Your proposal should accomplish one or more of the following learning objectives:

- Provide models, skills and tools for advancing community engagement that participants can apply in their daily lives, their work and their institutional and community contexts;
  - Define and create innovative means for measuring progress towards organizational, institutional and community transformation in engaging underrepresented communities;
  - Help participants identify and utilize best practices for engagement with under-represented community groups, city departments as well as other neighborhoods and organizations.
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### Who can submit a proposal?

We are seeking workshop proposals from individuals, communities, organizations, City Departments and institutions that represent a variety of voices, modes of expression, and experience. We encourage all interested to submit a proposal.

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## **Workshops Examples:**

- Innovative Outreach & Engagement Models.
  - Strategies to Engage Under Represented Communities
  - Successful Community & City Partnerships
  - Community/Neighborhood Project Collaborations
  - Asset / Stakeholder Mapping
  - Leveraging Resources / Successful Grant writing
  - Meeting Planning & Facilitation
  - Marketing Assets of your Neighborhood
  - Public Safety/Community Based Strategies
  - Technology: Email, Websites, Blogs, Social Media
  - Green Initiatives/transportation/gardens/zero waste
  - Public Policy
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## **Workshop Proposal Format**

### **Workshop Information:**

1. Workshop title
2. Description - should be 50-60 words maximum. This will be used to prepare the conference registration and program booklets.
3. Extended Description - 300 word maximum, which includes the learning objectives.
4. Your Primary and Secondary Conference Track Choices (morning 1, morning 2, afternoon 1, afternoon 2 – exact start and end times will be determined and communicated at a later date)
5. Session Format - i.e. debate, clinic, moderated session, panel, etc.
6. AV equipment to be used/needed
7. Amount of time needed for set up and take down
8. Any other necessary information

### **Proposers Information:**

1. Name, Title
2. Company / Organization
3. Address, City, State and Zip
4. Phone: Daytime, Evening and Fax
5. Email Address

### **Session Organizer's Information (if different from the proposer):**

1. Name, Title
  2. Company / Organization
  3. Address, City, State and Zip
  4. Phone: Daytime, Evening and Fax
  5. Email Address
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**Panelist Information (list for each panelist):**

1. Name, Title
  2. Company / Organization
  3. Address, City, State and Zip
  4. Phone: Daytime, Evening and Fax
  5. Email Address
  6. Describe experience in presenting this workshop topic.
  7. Describe overall presentation experience.
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**Submission:**

**Proposals can be submitted electronically via email preferably and must be received by:**

[NCR@ci.minneapolismn.gov](mailto:NCR@ci.minneapolismn.gov)

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**Questions?:**

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